

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

X	Original	Supplemental	Substitute
---	----------	--------------	------------

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, citizenship and post office address are given below under my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Use of a substance binding with the peripheral benzodiazepin receptor for treating skin stress

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

_____ was filed on _____ as United States
Application Serial No. _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

<u>X</u> was filed on	<u>10 November 1999</u>	as PCT International
Application No.	<u>PCT/FR99/02761</u>	
and was amended under	PCT Article 19 on	(if applicable).

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefit under Section 119 (a) - (d) of Title 35 of the United States Code of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States identified below and also identify below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States filed by me on the same subject matter and having a filing date before that of the application(s) from which priority is claimed:

Country	Number	Filing Date	Priority Claimed	
			Yes	No
France	98 14387	17 November 1998	X	

09370510

I hereby claim benefit under Section 120 of Title 35 of the United States Code of any United States application(s) or PCT application(s) designating the United States identified below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in said prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Section 112 of Title 35 of the United States Code, I acknowledge my duty to disclose material information of which I am aware as defined in Section 1.56 of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT filing date of this application:

<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status</u>
-------------------------------	--------------------	---------------

I hereby appoint Michael D. Alexander, Reg. No. 36,080; and Paul E. Dupont, Reg. No. 27,438, or any of them my attorneys or agents with full power of substitution and revocation to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

SEND CORRESPONDENCE TO:

Patent Department
Sanofi-Synthelabo Inc.
9 Great Valley Parkway
P.O. Box 3026
Malvern, PA 19355

DIRECT TELEPHONE CALLS TO:

MICHAEL D. ALEXANDER

Telephone No. (610) 889-8802

I hereby declare that all statements made herein and in the above-identified specification of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

100 Full name of first joint inventor CASELLAS Pierre
 Inventor's signature [Signature] Date 25/04/2001
 Residence 10 rue Carl Van Linné, FR-34090 MONTPELLIER
 Citizenship French FRX

200 Full name of second joint inventor DEROCQ Jean-Marie
 Inventor's signature [Signature] Date 18/04/2001
 Residence 6 rue des Clauzes, FR-34570 MURVIEL LES MONTPELLIER
 Citizenship French FRX